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Octave Mill Site Characterization

Need

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Octave Mill Site Characterization Project will study the hazards posed by the abandoned Octave Mill, located near Stanton, Arizona. This study will provide preliminary information about the nature and extent of contaminants at the site. For the study, samples will be taken from the large tailings piles onsite and from adjacent areas. An experienced, independent contractor will perform a Preliminary Assessment and issue a Site Investigation (PA/SI) Report outlining the past use, potential contamination and ephemeral wash pathways that feed the Hassayampa River and will present findings of field sampling and laboratory analyses. The onsite work for this project is scheduled to begin shortly.



Recovery Act Funding

The competitive contract for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was awarded to ERM West for \$40,179 in January, 2010. The draft work plan has been approved and sampling will begin the second week in April. The final PA/SI Report is expected in July 2010.

Benefits

The public routinely use roads leading to the mine in the course of their recreational and casual use mining activities. Hazards from the mine could pose a threat to the public. This remediation project is the first step in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process for remediating this site.



More Information

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